

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT, ELECTIONS, AND ETHICS

326 House Office Building

Wednesday 9:30 A.M.

March 1, 2006

Representative Ward, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney and Gillard.

Representative Gillard moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Meisner.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to approve the minutes of the **February 22, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid **SB 477** before the committee.

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| SB 477 | Allen | Campaign finance; statements and reports; electronic filing advisory board; eliminate. |
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Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **SB 477** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 477 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid **HB 5580** before the committee.

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| HB 5580 | Hummel | Elections; election officials; county board of commissioners or county clerk requesting information from board of county canvasser nominees; allow. |
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Representative Hummel explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks submitted a testimony card

indicating support for **HB 5580** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gaffney moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute for **HB 5580**.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 4-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney and Gillard.

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Gaffney moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to report **HB 5580** as substitute **(H-1)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney,

Nays: Representative Gillard,

Pass: None.

HB 5580 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid **HB 5648, HB 5649 and HB 5650** before the committee.

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| HB 5648 | Schuitmaker | Elections; election officials; state board of canvassers and director of elections; revise duties concerning ballot question petitions. |
| HB 5649 | Vander Veen | Elections; election officials; court review of determination made by state director of elections; revise to include. |
| HB 5650 | Ward | Elections; election officials; state board of canvassers and director of elections; revise duties concerning ballot question petitions. |

Representative Schuitmake and Representative Vander Veen explained their respective bill (**HB 5648 and HB 5649**) to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Ward explained his bill (**HB 5650**) to the committee.

Doug Novak, representing the Secretary of State, testified on **HB 5648, HB 5649 and HB 5650**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 5648** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,

Nays: Representative Gillard,

Pass: None.

HB 5648 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 5649** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 3-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,

Nays: Representative Gillard,

Pass: None.

HB 5649 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 5650** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 3-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,

Nays: Representative Gillard,

Pass: None.

HB 5650 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid **HB 5017** and **HB 5018** before the committee.

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| HB 5017 | Sheltrown | Elections; absent voters; filing deadline for absent voter ballot applications; revise. |
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| HB 5018 | Sheltrown | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; technical amendments in sentencing guidelines; provide for. |
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Representative Sheltrown explained **HB 5017** and **HB 5018** to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Ed Weessies, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and the Council of Election Officials, testified in opposition to **HB 5017**. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of **HB 5017**. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid **HB 5659** before the committee.

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| HB 5659 | Cushingberry | Elections; election officials; authority of local clerks to confirm and cancel voter registrations; expand. |
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The Chair introduced **Samantha Jones**, representing the House Republican Policy Office. **Ms. Jones** explained the proposed substitute **(H-3) for HB 5659**.

Kathy Dornan and Nancy Weiss, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks and the Council of Election Officials, testified in support of **HB 5659**.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card indicating opposition to **HB 5659** and did not wish to speak.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to adopt the **(H-3)** substitute for **HB 5659**.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,
Nays: Representative Gillard,
Pass: None.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 5659** as substitute **(H-3)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 3-1-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney,
Nays: Representative Gillard,
Pass: None.

HB 5659 (H-3) reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, **the Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:25 a.m.**

Representative Ward, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
March 1, 2006
55 minutes

Date Approved and Signed